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County Troubles.

It is a very great bore this living in counties, for before you know it you have a highly developed case of public feeling, after which you have no peace of mind. The following is an account of the laying off the boundary of Randolph and Barbour counties and is taken from the *Tygart's Valley News*:

Col. Fawcett with a corps of engineers and commissioners are hard at work on the boundary line between Randolph and Barbour counties. They have run a preliminary line ten thousand six hundred and sixty six feet long, commencing at the top of Laurel mountain at the "Corner Tree Gap" running straight eight degrees south and due west, striking the Middle Fork river at the mouth of Service Creek. The old boundary line will be several feet up in Randolph county, this will be a benefit to us for revenue only. The work has no political significance whatever. Judge Camden Corley is run into Randolph county by several rods, all his farm and buildings will be run into our county. The Judge has always thought he lived in Barbour county. He is an active politician and a prominent Republican. I look for immediate trouble with the Judge. The people living along the line are greatly prejudiced against Randolph county. One old lady when told by Col. Fawcett that two of her children and their farms and families would be run into Randolph county went into a convulsion fit. The whole party will meet on the 26 inst. on Laurel hill and run the permanent line. The party is composed of three commissioners from from each county and one from Upshur county. The Upshur county man is the umpire. The labors of the party are very hard, cutting their way through laurel thickets, they also suffer for water. The completion of this survey cannot be outlined, the establishment of a permanent line will receive all attention let the cost be what it may. The people of Barbour and Randolph county should congratulate themselves upon having secured the services of so distinguished a gentleman and scholar as Col. Fawcett to do this important work.

The Thomas Spring.

The Thomas Spring four or five miles from Clover Lick justly claims to rank among the finest in our county, for volume coolness and crystal purity of its waters.

A recent occurrence showed that this spring is the lost waters of Clover Creek come to the surface after a subterranean passage of more than a mile.

A depression of 15 or 20 feet in depth took place a few months since in the upper bed of Clover Creek, when the spring became quite turbid for a time something that had not been noticed before, showing the connection of the stream with the head of the creek.

It took its name from Thomas Henderson, who came here to survey lands about 1790, in the em-

ployment of the Sitlington's. He had his camp here, and it was the beginning point of his surveys.— It was also the beginning point for the surveys made by Major Jacob Warwick. It may be when the the county opens up, that an immense butter industry will be established here, as the water is of icy coolness, and pure and clear as a dew drop.

A LAMENTABLE INDIFFERENCE.

To the People of Pocahontas:

Indifference to those public affairs which most nearly concern the citizen, such as county and district government, is reported to be a serious evil in London, in Italy, and in the United States, unless it be in Presidential years. This lack of proper interest shows itself in carelessness of attention to such studies as would qualify citizens for effective voting, and the apathy that does not care to attend the polls for city or county interests. Unhappily it is the respectable well-meaning easy going voter who is apt to be indifferent in local affairs.

Those citizens with personal ends to serve, axes to grind, logs to roll, are up and a doing, private interests urging them to tireless activity. Now if the so called "good citizens" who have no desire or purpose except good government wisely administered which benefits them no more than anyone else, do not bestir themselves with corresponding diligence, the public funds may become the plunder, and the and the public interests the sport and portion of unqualified, underserving and unscrupulous adventurers.

Monetary Depression.

The *Tygart's Valley News* for July 4th, has thoughtful editorial on the causes of the prevailing depression in financial affairs. Reference is made to an article in the *Iron Age*, discussing the causes of the present business depression, and the hopeful prospects of an early restoration of profitable returns in the manufacture of iron and steel, and this is quoted:

"A most extraordinary combination of depressing influences has operated in conjunction in this country, unsettling business more seriously than in any other country on the globe, and perhaps disorganizing productive industry more than civil war, even, could accomplish." Seven causes are enumerated, the Baring failure, collapse of booms, opening of the Mesaba Iron field, superabundant crops all over the world, and excessive taxation in various legislative acts.

By the trend of legislation, too, much has been taken from the earnings of the laboring class, and economy seems too be as much out of fashion with our nice politicians as cheap clothing and cheap living indicate cheap people. They do not like to represent cheap people.— One of the influences enumerated was enough to inflict great injury, but the whole combined has been simply overwhelming, and has brought about a most critical state of affairs, and has put the question of self government to a crucial test. The *News* takes the hopeful view that the worst is over the point of conjunction is past, some have spent their force, and it seems reasonable to believe that a complete relapse may not take place.

We would suggest that none of these things would have moved our people much, had they learned the lesson bequeathed us by our pioneer fathers. Their policy was to "make a little and save a heap."— Such people never fostered the political theories that made the combination complained of, possible.

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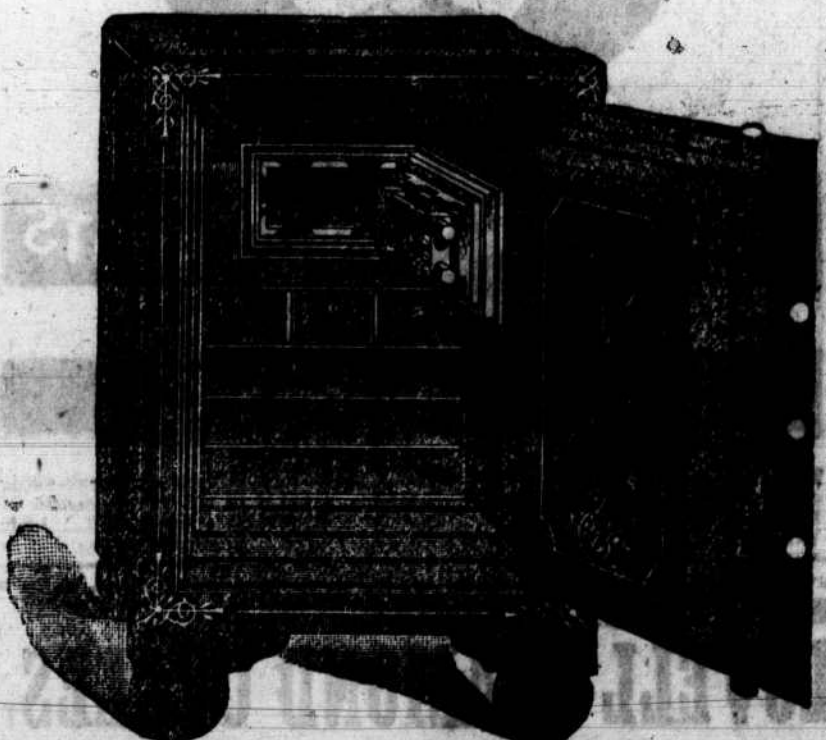
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